

GIRLS IN HEROIC DRAMA

PUPILS OF GIRLS' CLASSICAL SCHOOL

PRESENT PLAY OF "DIDO."

A Story of a Trojan Prince Struggling Between Love and War and a Dream of Empire.

Admirably costumed and staged, and acted with emotional conception hardly to be expected from young women in their teens, "Dido," a drama in four acts, was presented at English's Opera House last night by a cast composed of pupils of the Girls' Classical School. The audience, made up largely of relatives and friends of the young women on the stage, was naturally a sympathetic one, and accepted with sincere gravity the interpretation of the epic characters. Slight slips and small blunders, very infrequent, served only to spur applause for really creditable work.

The drama, by Professor Miller of the University of Chicago, is of the love of Trojan Aeneas and Dido, Queen of Carthage. After the sacking of Troy by the Greeks, under Agamemnon, Achilles, Odysseus, Menelaus and the other heroes of Homeric fame, Aeneas, with a few survivors of the fall, escapes from the burning city. In his wanderings, impelled by a divine inspiration that he is to found a great nation in the West, he is shipwrecked on the coast of Africa. He is received by Dido, a Tyrian exile, who has founded Carthage. Venus, Aeneas's celestial mother, touches both Dido and Aeneas with the wand of love. Although the realization that his mission of empire-founding is still unfinished, Aeneas permits himself to be bound more and more by the Trojan. Larbas, a suitor rejected, appeals to Jupiter and the god sends Mercury to stir Aeneas with burning ambition to continue his search for Italy. Aeneas, after a struggle, obeys the injunction of the god and bidding farewell to Dido sails away toward the West. The Queen, in despair, stabs herself as his sails pass the harbor point.

As Aeneas Miss Hazel West did perhaps the best work of the cast. Her voice, walk and gestures were sufficiently suggestive of the masculine to create temporary illusions. With some power she depicted the dilemma of the Trojan prince torn between the love of a woman and the dream of founding a nation that should be the throne of his descendants. Margie Anne Taylor, as Dido, was more pleasing as the drama drew to a close. In the second act she threw off stiffness and became natural in voice and gesture. Involving as it did the expression of extreme emotion, her work was the most difficult of all. Miss Taylor loved, pleaded and died with much of the passion, proud humility and dignity that one would fancy barbaric queens do these things. As Venus, mother of Aeneas and the protector of the Trojan people, Margaret Lily did some acting not less commendable. Her voice was particularly good and a mobile face expressed the various moods of hope and fear of the love goddess. Sallie Jackson Hall, in the part of Larbas, the Moorish prince rejected by Dido, was a study in the art of ability. Gladys May Wright, in the part of Anna, sister of Queen Dido; Lydia Maxwell Perry, as Aschates, friend of Aeneas; Hilda Fletcher, as Aschates, friend of Aeneas; Hazel Emerson Backus, as captain of the queen's guard; and Misses Mary Brown, as Cupid; Caroline Emma Frenzel, as the court jester; Frances Roberts, as Barce, nurse of Dido; and Misses Josephine, as Ilioneus, a friend of Aeneas, acted difficult characters as naturally as young women amateurs could be expected to express heroic drama.

The chorus of Carthaginian maidens, flower girls and nobles, richly attired, sang well. One of the prettiest features of the play was the presence in the chorus of two little maidens, of an age somewhere between four and six, who tossed flowers in the path of the queen. The chorus showed evidence of careful training and moved with precision in its evolutions. The success of "Dido," as presented last night, sprang not so much through a few weeks' training of a special nature, but more, perhaps, from the constant courses in expression included in the classical curriculum. The young women, who have been in the play had many of them followed for years the Trojan hero in his wanderings and had rejoined with Dido on the throne of Carthage.

To Miss Caroline Hardwick, who had charge of the training of the pupils for the various parts, much of the credit of the success is due. Edgar A. Morris as stage manager was particularly efficient. It is announced that the Girls' Classical School will give another dramatic entertainment next year.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

A children's entertainment will be given next Friday night in Hall-place M. E. Church.

At the Century Club's meeting on Tuesday evening Samuel Quinn will read a paper on "War."

Charles M. Johnston, of the Noyd & Marmon Company, left yesterday for a business trip to the City of Mexico.

Mrs. R. F. Davidson will leave the gospel meeting of the Y. W. C. A. this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. R. M. Bennett will sing.

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State Auditor Society. Miss Ethel Miller gave a mandolin solo followed by selections by the Tuttle Mandolin Orchestra.

THE GRANT BANQUET.

Eminent Men to Speak at the Columbia Club's Affairs.

All arrangements for the banquet to be given next Saturday night at the Columbia Club in honor of General Grant's birthday anniversary have been completed. Among the speakers will be Judge Grosscup, of Chicago; H. R. Evans, Ohio; Representative Blackburn, North Carolina; Robert G. Cousins, Iowa; James S. Sherman, New York. Representative Blackburn is one of the youngest members of the House of Congress. He is said to resemble Senator Beveridge, in that he is a fine orator.

Speakers except Judge Grosscup will arrive Saturday noon and will be housed by Daniel M. Handell, sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate. Judge Grosscup will arrive Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

OFFER FOR GAS COMPANY

JULIUS HAAG ADDRESSES LETTER TO CONSUMERS' TRUST OWNERS.

He Says He Will Pay Well for the Stock and Will Give the City Treasury \$300,000 to Boot.

Julius A. Haag declares he is in earnest about his proposition to buy out the Consumers' Gas Trust Company and to pay into the city treasury \$300,000 in cash for the property. Yesterday he sent to the trustees of the Consumers' Company the following communication, making a formal offer for all the property of the company:

"To the Hon. Henry Schuett, H. H. Hanna, John H. Holliday and John G. Williams, trustees Consumers' Gas Trust Company: 'Gentlemen—From statements published in the press and from direct communication with your patrons and certificate holders that unless the present pending compulsory order of the city is passed, the company will soon be unable to furnish natural gas at any price.

"I will pay balance due on certificates with 8 (eight) per cent. interest to July 1, 1902, and will pay the company's liabilities. This company was organized by the citizens, I furthermore agree to pay into the city treasury \$300,000 when the final conveyance is made.

"In consideration of the above said Consumers' Gas Trust Company agrees to assign and deed to Julius A. Haag, his heirs, all its property, including real estate, wells, pumping stations, pipe lines and all of the city, reducing stations, leases, cash on hand, accounts receivable, all franchises and rights of way, and, in fact, all assets of the company.

"This offer is made in good faith and I will put up bond to carry out same if you, as the city, will accept the same. I am, in a letter to the mayor recently Mr. Haag made the same proposition, with the request that the purchase be made through the city. Mayor Bookwalter answered the letter briefly with the statement that if Mr. Haag desired to buy the company he should go ahead as an individual and get control of the certificates of stockholders. In getting these certificates the mayor said, the city would have no advantage over a private citizen.

Thinks the Prince Owes Him.

Paul Hunderwald, a German, claiming Chicago as his home, was arrested at the Union Station by Patrolman Stevens yesterday and charged with insanity. Hunderwald says he is an Anarchist and he looks the part. He has as a pet delusion the improbability of the Chicago Police. He says his mind is \$100,000. He storms about down town, and his condition is probably due to association with radical Anarchists.

The Family Feuds Her.

Helen Andrews, a colored woman, was arrested at her home, 824 West Eighteenth street, by Bicycleman Simon and Morgan on charges of insanity. She has been the victim of many of the family feuds of her race. Yesterday afternoon she saw a blind man lying on a sofa. She picked up the blind man and carried him to her home, where she has frequently made threats to kill neighbors.

Special Train for the T. P. A.

Post R. of the T. P. A., will run a special train to South Bend via the Pennsylvania and Vandalla roads, on account of the T. P. A. state convention. The train will leave here Friday at 10:30 a. m., arriving at Logansport, Ind., at 1:30 p. m. Where it will make connection with a special over the Vandalla from Terre Haute. The rate is one round trip. All members are invited to go.

A New German Newspaper.

The first number of the Indiana Freie Presse, a German Republican weekly newspaper, was published yesterday. Its offices are at 20 South Alabama street.

LOUIS TOOMBS MUST HANG.

Convicted of the Murder of Annie Larsen on a Chicago Steamer.

CHICAGO, April 19.—The jury in the case of Louis Toombs, on trial for the murder of Annie Larsen, on board the steamer Peerless, on the night of Dec. 31, 1901, tonight brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and Toombs was sentenced to hang. The jury was out but twenty minutes and the verdict was reached on the first ballot.

The crime for which Toombs was convicted was one of the worst committed in Chicago in recent years. He was in charge of the steamer Peerless while it lay in winter quarters, and advertised for a cook. Annie Larsen applied for the position and on the first night that she spent on the boat he choked her to death, and after creating the corpse in an indecent manner, threw it into the Chicago river. Robert Kelsig, a boy, who was on the boat with Toombs, witnessed the crime, but was unable to save the girl. Toombs compelled him to assist in the disposal of the corpse, and two days later he escaped from the boat and informed the police of the crime. The river was dragged and Toombs was recovered.

The trial which ended tonight was the second in the case. On the first a saloon keeper testified that the time the crime was committed Toombs was in his saloon. Two brothers named Kane, who were on the jury, refused to vote for a verdict of guilty, claiming that they believed the evidence of the saloon keeper is preferable to that of Kelsig.

SONS OF REVOLUTION.

Triennial Banquet of the Society—Julius Cammon One of the Speakers.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The delegates to the General Assembly of the Sons of the Revolution spent to-day on a sightseeing tour of Washington on trolley cars, and later visited the National Cemetery at Arlington. The society has unanimously approved a proposition of the District of Columbia Society looking to the erection of a monument to Count Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

The triennial banquet of the society was held to-night at the New Willard. Many notable men were present, among them being Mr. Julius Cammon, the French ambassador, General Dwyer, General M. M. Assistant Secretary of War Sanger, Admiral Terry, Senator Teller, Edmund Wetmore, James A. Cobb and Hon. Joseph W. Caldwell. Governor John Lee Carroll, president of the General Society, delivered the address of welcome. He referred with pride to the inability of President Roosevelt to attend. Ambassador Cammon responded.

Buy "Katy" stock now and get the May dividend and the benefit of the advance in price.

HAVANAS MAY BE CHEAP

RETAIL CIGAR TRADE WAR MAY BE DECLARED AT CHICAGO.

"Combine" Threatens to Establish Stores and Force Present Dealers Out of Business.

CHICAGO, April 19.—An attempt of the tobacco combine to secure control of the retail cigar trade in Chicago may lead to a war of extermination, in which the finest Havana cigars will sell for the price of a cheroot.

Leading Chicago retailers have just rejected a proposition made to them by the American Tobacco Company, a branch of the American Tobacco Company, and negotiations were broken off, with a threat by the combine that rival stores would be started in Chicago to bring the retailers to terms or drive them out of business. The offer to the Chicago dealers was made by President Cobb, of the American Cigar Company, who came from New York to labor with the dealers personally. Among the dealers approached were Albert Breitung, three stores; M. W. Dille, three stores; John J. Dolan, two stores; W. F. Monroe, Rubovits Bros. and Leopold and Merckheim. The scheme proposed by Mr. Cobb, as related by the retailers, was to organize a stock company with a capital of \$100,000. Each of the men conducting a separate business would merge his stock with the company and receive in return preferred stock equivalent to the amount of his assets. The company would then purchase the preferred stock, thus to be used to establish a system of stores throughout the city. The American Cigar Company was to assume control of the system. It was the common stock that made the retailers suspicious.

"On the surrender of our business for the preferred stock," said Mr. Dille to-night, "we would have handed over our business to the American Cigar Company, having all the stock, plain and printing in four-lard designs, 50c quality, our price."

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